



### CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD

**Grant Award.** The Crime Victim Assistance Division ([CVAD](#)) of the [Office of the Attorney General](#) has received a \$2.0 million grant award notice from the U.S. Department of Justice, [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#). The two-year grant provides funds to collect and test sexual assault kits as well as prosecute cases.

**Multidisciplinary Team.** There is a Multidisciplinary Team created to provide collaboration and coordination to determine best practices and a strategic testing initiative. The Team includes:

- Crime Victim Assistance Division (CVAD), lead applicant.
- Department of Public Safety Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Crime Laboratory.
- Iowa Law Enforcement Academy ([ILEA](#)).
- Mid Iowa Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).
- [Johnson County SART](#).
- [Polk County Attorney's Office](#).
- Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault ([IowaCASA](#)).
- [Iowa Department of Public Health](#).

**Budget Plan.** The plan is to spend approximately \$1.0 million annually in both FY 2016 and FY 2017. During the first year, efforts will be concentrated on conducting a law enforcement survey to determine how many unsubmitted sexual assault kits exist; when the examination occurred; and testing the kits. The DCI Crime Laboratory will contract with a private lab to test selected kits and a second lab to review data generated by that testing. During FY 2017, the plan is to focus on investigation and prosecution based on criminal cases brought forward from testing the kits.

**More Information.** For additional information regarding CVAD, see the ***Fiscal Topics*** [Crime Victim Assistance Division](#), [Budget Unit: Victim Compensation Fund](#), [Crime Victim Compensation Program](#), [Budget Unit: Human Trafficking Victim Fund](#), [Budget Unit: Human Trafficking Enforcement Fund](#), [Budget Unit: Victim Assistance Grants](#), and [Iowa's Victim Information and Notification Everyday System](#).

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